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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-12, 14, 15, 17, 19-21, 23-30 and 33 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-12, 14, 15, 17, 19-21, 23-27 and 33 have been allowed.

Claims 28-30 have been rejected.

Claims 28 and 33 have been amended in this submission.

Claim 29 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in this submission. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in this claim to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Remarks to the Oath (Declaration)

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the oath (declaration) because it lists application number 06/080,137 instead of application number 60/080,137. Applicants are herewith submitting a substitute oath or declaration, attached as **Appendix A**, in which this typographical error has been corrected. Accordingly Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Lanier (US Patent No. 6,400,374). Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 28 is patentable over Lanier, and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Lanier discloses:

A graphic image system comprising a video camera producing a first video signal defining a first image including a foreground object and a background, the foreground object preferably including an image of a human subject having a head with a face; an image position estimating system for identifying a position with respect to said foreground object, e.g., the head, the foreground object having features in constant physical relation to the position; and a computer, responsive to the position estimating system, for defining a mask region separating the foreground object from said background. The computer generates a second video signal including a portion corresponding to the mask region, responsive to said position estimating system, which preferably includes a character having a mask outline. (Abstract)

However, Lanier does not teach, as recited in amended claim 28, "selecting at least one key frame from said video sequence based on analysis of said live video content." Nor would doing so have been obvious in light of the different objectives and uses of Lanier and the present application. Accordingly, claim 28, and claim 30, which depends therefrom are allowable.

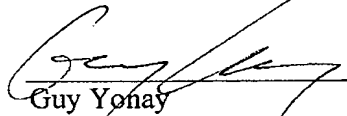
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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